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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

The enclosed Memorandum from President Reagan was recently sent to all Federal Agency heads. For those of us who are listed as key Agencies providing Federal support to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, it provides an extra incentive for us to renew our commitment to these institutions of higher learning through a redoubling of effort to implement the President's Executive Order 12320.

The President's Memorandum also targets three critical areas for agency policy formulation and implementation in Fiscal Year 1983. I urge you to review the Memorandum in its entirety.

In essence, the President is requiring that we target funds where they can do the most good to help these institutions achieve future self-sufficiency. This seems to require a strategic use of Federal funds to help reduce the future dependence of these institutions on Federal aid. as you plan your funding strategy for this new fiscal year, I encourage you to work diligently within the framework of law and program regulations to establish set-asides and funding priorities that will enable the Administration to meet the challenges set forth in the President's Memorandum.

Another major initiative for this fiscal year will be to creatively involve the private sector in helping establish self-sufficiency for the HBCUs. The Education Department will continue to provide leadership and agency liaison to help further the goals established by Executive Order 12320. liaison at the Education Department is:

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Dr. Seagears and her staff may be reached at (202) 245-7505. They are ready to assist you in every way possible and will be receptive to your suggestions in the area of private sector involvement.

I thank you for your cooperation during the first successful year of the Initiative and ask you to join with me as we redouble our efforts during this new fiscal year.

Sincerely,

T. H. Bell

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